

SOME SEVERE WINTERS

Eighteen Hundred and Fifty Seven
Comparatively Mild.

Snow Nearly a Foot Deep and Fruits
Killed in 1774—In 1779-80 All Re-
cords Before or Since Were
Eclipsed—Cold Facts.

As the result of a browbeating by a most highly respected, "one of the oldest inhabitants," the reporter of the Virginian-Pilot was forced to acknowledge that the winter of '98-'99 has not been so very warm; that '57 must have been a corker; that the praiseworthy record of the Norfolk electric cars could not have been made forty-two years ago, etc. But the scribe had an abiding faith in the vicinity of Norfolk—in its past, present and future—and he felt that there must be some really great winter recorded in our history.

A GLANCE BACKWARD.

Going back just one hundred years to the winter of 1798-'99, cold weather was encountered. Oh, yes; one could have walked across the ice to Portsmouth, or he could have driven over the channel from Gosport down to Lambert's Point. But if he had been born in time, the ice would have been under his feet.

In June, 1774, there was a cold snap, with snow nearly a foot deep, that froze all the cherries and other fruits of the season. This was unseasonable, it's true, but not what was wanted. At last sufficiently arctic weather was found in the winter of 1779-'80. This was a winter worth reading about. The ice on the rivers was three feet, two inches thick; Chesapeake Bay was quite frozen over, so that teams hitched to the heaviest wagons passed freely across from Cape Henry to Cape Charles and back; the Atlantic ocean was frozen for a mile or two out from the beach, or where the water was forty fathoms deep. The ice was piled up, along the coast twenty feet high, and did not melt till May. The historian says that tea, coffee and sugar were very scarce. Had it not been for exceptional patience and industry "the whole population would have been in a pitiable condition."

In the latter part of February relief came in the shape of two schooners that found the nearest harbor to Norfolk off Virginia Beach, where a landing was made on the icebergs.

Musical Entertainment.

A fairly good audience, considering the bad condition of the streets last night, attended the musical given at Queen Street M. E. Church. The program was a most excellent one, and consisted of a number of fine executions on the mandolin and guitar by the clever musicians, the Gill Brothers; vocal solo by Mr. J. W. Casey; humorous recitations by Mr. Terry Gordon, and superb vocal and instrumental music by Miss Belle Pauline. It is needless to say that the audience was more than pleased with the entertainment.

To Save the Reservoir.

The Water Board has awarded the contract for 250,000 bricks to be used in covering the bottom of the reservoir for filtered waters, to Messrs. Murchison & Mayo, at \$2.00 per thousand, a total of \$500. It is said this is the only bid received by the board.

The bricks are to be delivered at Moore's bridge, on or before May 1st. The bricks are said to be well adapted for making bottoms of this character.

The Brambleton Bridge.

City Attorney Taylor has not yet been able to affect a transfer of the Holt street bridge to the city. He is looking into the title to the property so as to protect thoroughly the city's interest. Tolls are being collected, indicating that the company intends to continue business at the old stand till they have the \$5,000 in hand.

Telegraphic Communication Re-established.

Postal Telegraph Cable Company announces in to-day's issue of the Virginian-Pilot that direct communication between Richmond, Washington and the North, which was lost about 6 p. m. Thursday, was restored at 3 p. m. yesterday (Friday) and that domestic messages and cablegrams to all points are now accepted and promptly forwarded by the regular routes.

A PLAGUE OF THE NIGHT.

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DIVINE SERVICES SUNDAY.

PRESBYTERIAN.

First, Church street, between Holt and Avon.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Edward Mack, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth League prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Second, Freemason, west of Boush street.—Preaching by Rev. T. R. English, D. D., of the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's prayer-meeting at 7 p. m.

Park Avenue, Brambleton.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. B. McCluer, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Colley Memorial, Atlantic City.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. C. W. Maxwell, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Epworth, corner of Freemason and Boush street.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening subject, "The Christmas Legends" (third of the series on "Myths and Legends of Christian Lands"). Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

LeKies Memorial, corner of Camp avenue and Fort street, Atlantic City.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. T. Williams, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Treasures of the Snow." Evening, "Standing Fast in the Faith." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Cumberland, between Holt and Cove streets.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Johnson, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Supreme Test." Evening, "What Is Meant by Knowing God?"

Huntersville, Johnson avenue.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Daniel T. Merritt, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Six Steps in Peter's Fall." Evening, "A Message for the Church During the Winter."

Queen, corner of Pulaski and Queen streets.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. S. C. Hatcher, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Centenary, corner of Boush and Queen streets.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Edwards, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

Trinity, corner of Maltby and Corprew avenues, Brambleton.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. Lloyd T. Williams, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

McKendree, corner of Clay and Claborn avenues, Brambleton.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Bennett, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Lambert's Point.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. George H. Spooner, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

BAPTIST.

Freemason, corner of Bank and Freemason streets.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. M. B. Wharton, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

First, corner of Freemason and Granby streets.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Hatcher, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Grace, corner of Princess Anne avenue and Church street.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Owen, D. D. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Park avenue, corner Highland avenue, Brambleton.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Hall, D. D., at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.

Spurgeon Memorial, Windsor avenue, Brambleton.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. L. R. Christie, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Lambert's Point.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. George W. Cox, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Central Avenue, Atlantic City Ward.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. E. E. Dudley, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

St. Luke's, corner of Granby and Bute streets, Rev. A. S. Lloyd, rector.—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Christ, corner of Freemason and Cumberland streets, Rev. Carl E. Grammer, rector.—Services at 11 a. m. and 4 p. m.

St. Paul's, Church and Cove streets, Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, rector.—Services at 11 a. m. and evening prayer at 4 p. m.

St. Peter's, Brown avenue, Brambleton, Rev. C. E. Woodson, rector.—Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Emanuel Chapel, corner Calvert and Wide streets, Rev. John H. Dickinson, rector.—Divine services at 7:30 p. m.

St. Andrew's Chapel, corner of Ann and Mayesville avenues, Rev. John H. Dickinson, rector.—Divine services every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school at 4 p. m.

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CATHOLIC.

St. Mary's, corner of Chapel and Holt streets, Rev. John Doherty, pastor.—Services at 7:30 and 11 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 4 p. m.

Sacred Heart Church, Rev. T. J. Wilson, pastor.—Low mass at 7:30 a. m.; high mass at 11 a. m. Vespers and benediction at 5 p. m.

LUTHERAN.

First Lutheran Church, Charlotte street, between Granby and Brewer streets, Rev. J. E. Shenk, pastor.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

CHRISTIAN.

Memorial Temple, corner of Cook and Tunstall avenues, Brambleton, Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., pastor. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Freemason, between Brewer and Bank.—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Smith, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Evening subject: "Behold the Lamb of God." Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.

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CHRIST SCIENTIST.

First Church, Library building.—Services at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Morning subject: "Christ Jesus." Evening, "Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand and Understanding the Power of Truth." Meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Lenten Services at St. Mary's.

The attendance at the first Friday night Lenten service at St. Mary's Catholic Church was well attended last night, considering the inclement weather. The exercises consisted in the Stations of the Cross and the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Rev. Father Doherty officiated.

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BRAMBLETON WARD.

Lenten services will be held at St. Peter's P. E. Church, Brown avenue, Rev. Charles E. Woodson rector, as follows: Sunday—Service and sermon, 11 a. m. Tuesday—Service and address, 5 p. m. Wednesday—Service and address, 5 p. m. Thursday—Service and address, 5 p. m. Friday—Liturgy, 5 p. m. Holy Week—Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—Service and address, 5 p. m. Thursday—Service, sermon and holy communion, 8 p. m. Good Friday—Service and sermon, 11 a. m. Easter Even—Service and baptism, 5 p. m. Easter Sunday—Holy communion, 7:30 and 11 a. m. Service and sermon, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Children's festival, 3:30 p. m. The Bishop will visit this church the 19th of March for the purpose of confirmation. TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH. The Epworth League of Trinity M. E.

Church will meet at 6:30 p. m. Sunday for devotional exercises.

Rev. J. V. Williams, a former resident of Norfolk and manufacturer of the celebrated writing ink bearing his name, is visiting his family in Windsor avenue, on his return from a four months' tour of the South.

The Local Board of Improvement provided a special fund for paying off the hands for cleaning the streets, and yesterday each of the fifty men received his money for work performed. This action in advance of the regular meeting of the Board saved the employees the inconvenience of waiting for their wages, and the members of the Board who kindly advanced the means are to be commended.

The R. Y. P. U. of Park Avenue Baptist Church will hold its regular meeting to-morrow night at 7 o'clock. The exercises will be varied and interesting. The snow has been removed from Kelly avenue. Walking on that thoroughfare is much improved.

The trolley cars on the Brambleton avenue and Queen street line resumed their trips yesterday. The Epworth League of Spurgeon Memorial Baptist Church are making preparations for a musical and literary entertainment to come off soon.

ATLANTIC CITY WARD.

The Epworth League of LeKies Memorial M. E. Church will meet for devotional exercises at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor of Colley Memorial Presbyterian Church will meet at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and the Senior Society at 5:45 p. m.

The Rainbow Carnival of the Ladies' Society of LeKies Memorial M. E. Church opens Monday night at Odd-Fellows' Hall with an attractive program.

The Willard Memorial exercises at the W. C. T. U. Hall last night was a most interesting service, and well served a large audience. Those who were present were pleased and edified.

To be entirely relieved of the aches and pains of rheumatism means a great deal, and Hood's Sarsaparilla does it.

Read J. W. Phillips' "ad." of Steam-boat lines.

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